

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 531, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION OF CURRANTS AND RAISINS.

On or about May 17, 1910, there were offered for sale in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, one hundred and sixty packages of currants, each of which packages was labeled "Columbia Brand Cleaned Currants;" 45 packages of raisins, 36 of which were labeled "Owl Brand Seeded Muscat Raisins, Packed by the J. K. Armsby Co., Fresno, Cal.," the remaining nine packages being each labeled "Guardian Choice Seeded Raisins, Rosenberg Bros. & Co., San Francisco, Cal.," the owner of all said packages being Joseph Wells. On or about the same date there were also offered for sale in the city aforesaid 142 packages of currants, each of which packages was labeled "Parthenon Brand Cleaned Currants," the property of Don A. Sanford.

All the currants and raisins above referred to had been delivered by their owners to an auctioneer to be sold at public auction.

An examination of samples of these products made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed them to be adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, and as it appeared from the findings of the analyst and report made that the products in question were liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

In due course two libels were filed in the Supreme Court of said District, one against the raisins and currants above mentioned as belonging to Joseph Wells, the other against the raisins referred to as the property of Don A. Sanford, alleging that the products in question were in a filthy, decomposed, and putrid condition, and infested with worms and other animal matter so as to be absolutely unfit for human consumption, and praying the seizure, condemnation, and destruction of said products.

On May 27, 1910, said Joseph Wells entered his appearance and filed a plea and answer, in which he admitted the ownership of the 160 packages of currants and 45 packages of raisins first above mentioned, admitted the allegations of the libel above set forth, pleaded guilty to same, consented that judgment of condemnation against said goods be entered as prayed in said libel, and offered to pay the costs of the proceedings against the products belonging to him.

On June 10, 1910, Don A. Sanford entered his appearance and filed a plea and answer in which he admitted the ownership of the 142 packages of currants last above mentioned, said plea in other respects being identical with the hereinbefore mentioned plea and answer of Joseph Wells.

The cases came on for hearing, and the court being fully informed in the premises, rendered its decree sustaining the allegations of the libels and ordering condemnation of the products and their destruction by the marshal of said District.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 29, 1910.*